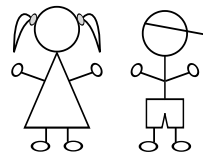


Carriage House Connection



Caring for Children and Families for 35 years!

Spring 2026



We are very excited to welcome Spring. It has been a long winter! So many fun things to enjoy during the upcoming months. We will take time to celebrate Week of the Young Child, Superheros, Cinco de Mayo, and more. There are many fun events planned. Be sure to read through the Newsletter so you don't miss anything!

With the change in season, there will be items switched in cubbies. Just a reminder that all items must be clearly labeled with your child's name. It is also a good time to be sure that all bottles, containers, etc. are labeled appropriately.



CARRIAGE HOUSE DAY CARE
established 1991

**OUR EXCITING JOURNEY
TOWARD NAEYC ACCREDITATION!**

**THE MARK OF QUALITY
IN EARLY CHILDHOOD
PROGRAMS**

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOUR CHILD?

- 1. EXEMPLARY LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS**
(diverse curriculum, creative activities)
- 2. HIGHLY TRAINED & SUPPORTED EDUCATORS**
(ongoing professional development, warm connections)
- 3. RIGOROUS STANDARDS OF QUALITY**
(health, safety, families & community partnerships)

**WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING THE HIGHEST QUALITY CARE & EDUCATION
WE LOOK FORWARD TO EVERYONE
BEING PART OF THIS JOURNEY**



National Pizza Party Day Friday, May 15th

To celebrate Pizza Party Day we will host a pizza party lunch!

The cost is \$5.00 per child and will include:

- pizza, veggies, and dessert

Sign up in the office by
Mon., May 11th.

Carriage House Day Care Center, Inc.

2026 CENTER CLOSINGS

April 3th - Floating Holiday

May 25th - Memorial Day

July 3rd - Independence Day observed

September 7th - Labor Day

November 26th & 27th - Thanksgiving

December 24th - Floating Holiday

December 25th - Christmas

December 31st - Closing at 12:00pm

January 1, 2027 - New Years Day

THE 2 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS WILL BE
ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE,
PROVIDING A MINIMUM OF 30 DAYS NOTICE



Bibs and/or Shirts Needed



Do you have bibs or shirts/smocks that you would be willing to donate?

We are looking for bibs and shirts/smocks that can be used to protect the children's clothing from messy art and messy meals.

If you, or anyone you know, have any that you'd be willing to donate, please drop them off in the donation box under the front table.

Thank you.



EARTH DAY



We will share a day celebrating the Earth.



National Superhero Day

Tuesday, April 28th

Dress like your favorite superhero.



Ghillin' Like A Villian Day

Wednesday, April 29th

Dress like your favorite Disney villian.



Week of the Young Child

April 13 - 17



MUSIC MONDAY

Family Fun

Get the family together to visit the park, dance, or play a game!

TASTY TUESDAY

Silly Sock Day

Wear your silly socks and we will be creating a healthy snack for the children to make while following a recipe!

WORK TOGETHER

WEDNESDAY

Hat Day

Put your hats on!

We will be working together to create some forts, sculptures, towers, and castles.

ARTSY THURSDAY

Tie Dye Day

Wear some tie dye. We will be making some artsy masterpieces!



FUN FRIDAY

Pajama Day

Wear your pajamas and get ready for some dance moves!

CINCO DE MAYO

Tuesday
May 5th

We will enjoy a day of celebrating in variety of ways including....

- Pinata fun
- Learning a few Spanish words
- Dancing with Mexican music
- Making Mexican salsa
- Enjoying books celebrating
- Cinco de Mayo



We will enjoy a day of celebrating in variety of ways including....

- Playing with pool noodle lightsabers
- Yoda yoga
- Playing with galaxy dough
- Star Wars scavenger hunt
- Outer space experiments
- Star Wars limbo

Labeling

Please be sure all items coming into the Center are labeled.

This includes: individual diapers, wipe containers, bottles/cups, clothing, nap blankets, etc...

If you have any questions, please ask your child's classroom teachers.



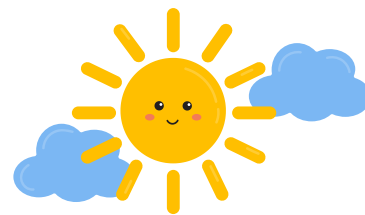
Warm Weather Apparel

Warmer temperatures are coming!

Please be sure your child has appropriate warmer weather attire in his/her cubbie.

This includes:

- shirts
- pants/shorts
- underwear
- socks
- extra shoes
- sweatshirt, for the cooler temps



Meriden Schools Closed

April 13th - 17th



Those children needing full day care on these days should be sure to sign up on the sheets in the hallway by Wed., April 9th



Lunch Reminders

Just a few reminders from the kitchen regarding lunches.

- ALL items in your child's lunch must be labeled.
- ONLY those items requiring warming should be placed in your child's classroom bin.
- All other items should be kept in lunch box with an ice pack and brought directly to the classroom.
- Heatables must be in a microwavable and covered container.
- Items like frozen dinners, easy mac, ramen noodles, etc... must be prepared ahead of time.
- Candy is not served at the Center.
- If you are having lunch delivered for your child, it should arrive no later than 11:30am.

LUNCH
TIME



Carriage House is Peanut-free

Peanuts are among the most common allergy-causing foods, and they often find their way into things you wouldn't imagine.

Please be sure when packing your child's lunch and snack items that you are not sending any items containing peanuts or peanut products.



SAVE THE DATE

Preschool Butterfly Families.....

Graduation will be

held on Thursday, June 4th.

Graduation will be held early afternoon. Children will be dismissed after graduation.

More information will be shared as the date approaches.



Seeking Donations

For many, this is the season for cleaning and purging, if you have some of the items below, we would happily take them!

- strainers
- graters
- baskets
- funnels
- pots
- whisks
- salad spinner
- colanders
- turkey basters
- cupcake liners (silicone type)
- condiment bottles
- measuring cups
- egg cartons
- paper tubes
- muffin tins
- sponges
- mashers
- cookie cutters / jell-o molds
- rolling pins
- muffin tins
- utensils
- bottle caps



HOW IS YOUR CHILD DOING?

Check in and help spark healthy early growth and learning with



KNOW
Understand your child's development by using the app to complete the Ages & Stages Questionnaires®.



PLAY
Get inspired to learn together through play.



GROW
Follow your child's progress.



CONNECT
Get tips and answers from 211 Child Development, Help Me Grow, and experts in early childhood development.

Sparkler is a FREE mobile app for CT families that helps parents support their children's growth from 0-5! Sparkler is safe and secure, and available in English and Spanish.

To download: use QR code or playsparkler.org/CT.

REGISTER WITH CODE: **Carriage**



Get started with Sparkler

Sparkler is free to all families with 0-5 year olds in Connecticut and to all programs serving those families.

Sparkler is a FREE mobile app available in English and Spanish.

Carriage House is a participating program and looks forward to partnering with all our families to ensure each child receiving just what they need for the development.

Share With Families

Video on How to Register for SparklerAny Connecticut family can sign up with general CT code or (more likely) with your local code. In this video they use CT.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCmY_nC02Is

30-second intro video Quick video for CT families describing Sparkler, which is free for Connecticut families.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w7AGLA5iQ6g&t>

Sparkler overview video (English)Short video for CT families about using Sparkler to access developmental screening and play (English)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DmTPMM-m17E>

Sparkler overview video (Spanish)Short video for CT families about using Sparkler to access developmental screening and play (Spanish)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8xdpZsdiZGg>

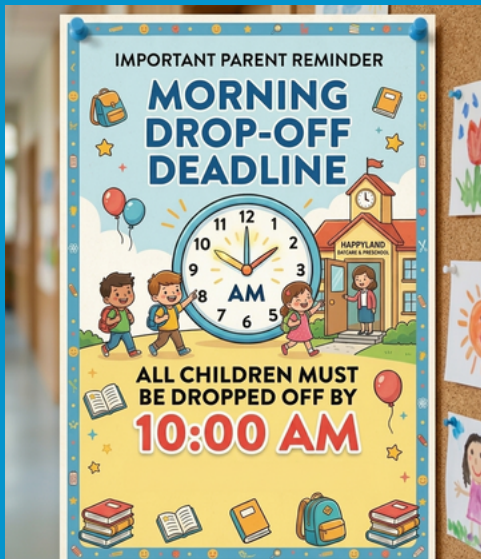
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Use the QR code to download and register today!



Skills That Truly Matter Before Kindergarten

Getting ready for kindergarten isn't about reading big books or solving problems... it's about building life skills that help children feel confident and happy.

- 1 INDEPENDENCE**
Can they eat, dress, and use the toilet with little help? Small independence builds big confidence!
- 2 COMMUNICATION**
Expressing needs, sharing feelings, talking with others is more important than perfect vocabulary.
- 3 SOCIAL SKILLS**
Taking turns, sharing, and making friends—these are the foundations of a positive school experience.
- 4 FOCUS & LISTENING**
Can they sit for a short time, follow simple instructions, and pay attention? That's a big win!
- 5 EMOTIONAL SKILLS**
Handling small frustrations, being patient, and understanding feelings matter more than academic skills.
- 6 CURIOSITY & LOVE FOR LEARNING**
A child who asks questions and enjoys learning is already on right path!

Remember: Every child grows at their own pace. Let's support them with love, patience, and joy—not pressure.

**COMING
SOON**

KIDS SUMMER *Fun*

Join Us for a Summer of Fun and Adventure!



JUNE 15TH – AUGUST 21ST

**ALL CHILDREN ENROLLED WILL BE
PARTICIPATING IN OUR SUMMER PROGRAM!**

**IF YOU KNOW ANYONE SEEKING CHILD CARE, PLEASE
SHARE OUR CONTACT INFORMATION.**

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For more information, call 203-235-4859

ENROLLMENT OPEN for Fall 2026

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to
12 YEARS
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Pancakes with Parents

Thursday, May 21st

We invite parents to join their children

on Thursday, May 22nd from
9:00am - 10:00am.

We will enjoy pancakes and juice in
your child's classroom.

Please RSVP by Monday, May 18th.



Pancakes with Parents – RSVP

Child's Name: _____ Classroom: _____

Parent Attending: _____

Please return this form by Monday, May 18th.